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Dated 26-1-1949

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Irrigation - (South Kanara) - ecution of repairs to 61 Public ta rders passed

Rev Dc

O.M N.o. 27883/ H/48-1 d 13.5.48

Irrigation (South Kanara) – Execution of repairs to public tanks – Further report

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Mrs 14.5.48

421-2 sdg G.o Th N.o. 604 Rev. d 18-3-48.

G.o (2)

The Collector of South Kanara is requested to state when his report called for in para 7 of the G.o quoted above may be expected

13/5/48

The collector of South Kanara. (Sent d.)

12/5/48

by Mail 15.5.48

Note :– Please see the order in para 7 of G.o 604 Rev. d 18-3-48. A & d. B. Ewas

make a ... collector's
report called for in that para. The report has
not yet been received. The collector may be
reminded. The draft O.N above is for approval

13/5/48

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Ref.C.No.B7-7061/48.

S.K.Collector's Office,
Mangalore, dated 14-5-48.

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From

S.R.Kaiwar Esq., I.C.S.,.
Collector of South Kanara,
MANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Irrigation - (South Kanara)-Execution-of repairs to public tanks -

-23- (2) Ref.G.O.Ms.No.604-Revenue Department, dated 18-3-48.

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The Firka Development Officer Kumbla and the Tahsildar, Kasaragod have been asked to collect the contributions promised by the ayacutdars of the six tanks the repairs of which have been sanctioned by the Government in the G.O.cited. The reactions of the ayacutdars concerned is reported to be favourable to the orders passed in the G.O.cited. They are willing to pay the contributions, but as most of them are poor being petty land-holders they have asked for some time.

For Collector.

The letter from the collector of South Kanara
mb 3 ante is submitted for perusal. No action
is called for on the letter. As regards the report
called for in para 7 of G.O Ms 604 Rev d 18-3-48 p 224 of U:
the collector has already been reminded on 1 and
3-5-48. His report may be awaited. He will
be reminded on 13-6-48 again, if necessary.

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I In this letter overleaf, the collector has on
reported about the reactions of the ayacutdars
concerned (ii) the ayacutdars of the six tanks (vide p 221-224
in reports to which they have sanctioned in G.O. Ms. No. 60
dated 18-3-1948). The collector has not reported the reactions
of the ayacutdars of the other 61 tanks (with ref. to para 7 p 222
of the G.O. In the Memo. on p. 1 ante). The Collector
has already been reminded for this report in this regard
His report may be awaited.

By
23-5-48

Ref:C.No.7061/48

S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, dated: 19-5-48.

From
S.R.Kaiwar,Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of South Kanara,
Mangalore.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
M A D R A S.

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24/5/48

Sir,

IRRIGATION:x(South Kanara) - Execution of repairs to public tanks - further report.

Ref: (1) G.O.Ms.No.604, Rev. dated 18-3-1948.
(2) This office Ref:C.No.B7-7061/48 dated 14-5-48.
(3) Govt. Memorandum No. 2785-H/48-1 dated 13-5-48.

The report called for was submitted in the reference second cited.

For Collector.

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1/26/5 G.O.Ms.No. 27883 Rev/48-2 dt 26-5-48:

Irrigation - (South Kanara) - Execution of repairs to public tank - Further report.

From the Collector of South Kanara,
Ref. dt No. 7061/48 dt 19-5-48.

In his letter Ref. dt No. B7-70 dt 14-5-48, the Collector of South Kanara has only reported the reactions of ayacutdars of the six tanks the execution of repairs to which was sanctioned in para 4 of G.O.Ms.No. 604 Rev. dt 18-3-48. The Collector has not reported the reactions of the ayacutdars of the other 61 tanks referred to in para 7 of that G.O.

The collector is ~~accordingly~~ requested to expedite his report ~~with reference to para 7 of the G.O~~ this regard. p2 2 cfg & cf

SM.
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By
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To
The Collector
of South Kanara
for info & necy
28/5/48

Note:—Please see the 3rd letter from the Collector of South Kanara on p5 cg. Attention is invited to the notes on p4 cg. The collector may be informed of the position and he may be asked to expedite the report called for in para 7 of G.O (2). The draft memo above is submitted for approval.

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Rof.57-7061-48. S.Kanara Collector's Office
Mangalore dated 11.6.48.

From
S.R.Kaiwar Esq., I.C.S.
Collector of South Kanara

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Madras.

Sir,

IRRIGATION: (South Kanara)--Execution of repairs to public tanks--(cultivation) by ryots--reports submitted,

Ref: 1.G.O.Ms.No.604 Revenue Department dated 18-3-48.
2.This office report Ref.57-7061-48 dated 14.5.48.
3.Government memorandum No.27803/H/48-2 dated 26.5.48.

In respect of the six tanks mentioned in para 4 of the G.O first cited, all in Kumbla firka of Kasaragod Taluk, where there is intensive rural reconstruction work carried on by the Government under the Firka Development scheme, the contributions are being collected. Only a small percentage has actually been paid so far but the Firka Development Officer hopes to be able to collect the whole amount mentioned in the G.O.

2/- The same thing cannot be said of the other areas. Though th widest publicity was given to the sanction accorded by the Government to the repairs of the aforesaid six tanks throughout the District, there has not been so far, any favourable reaction from the ryots elsewhere. In the case of the 61 tanks referred to in para 7 of the G.O, it is reported that the ryots are not willin to make a contribution towards the cost of repairs, except in one case (the tank in S.No.53 of Panjimogar village, of Mangalore Talu where it is said that one big land lord has undertaken to carry out the entire repairs; but it transpires that the lands to be benefitted by the tank all belong to him. I am asking the Revenue Divisional Officers and other subordinates to carry on intensive propaganda among the ryots concerned to agree to pay the contribution required, but I am not hopeful of much success.

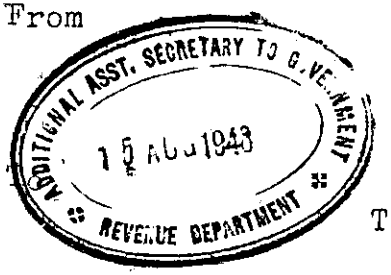
For Collector.

Copy to all the Revenue Divisional Officers; Tahsildars and Dy. Tahsildars for information and necessary action.
Copy to the Firka Development Officer, Kumbla
Copy submitted to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Excise and Prohibition

Ref.C.No.B7. 7061/48.

South Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore. Dated 3-8-48.

From



S.R.Kaiwar Esq., ICS.,
Collector of South Kanara.

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, Madras.

R 47029 H
16.8.48

Sir,

IRRIGATION - (South Kanara) - Execution of repairs to publ tanks - Contributions by ryots - Further report.

Ref; (1) Government Memorandum No.27883/48-3 H dated 13-7-48.
(2) This Office Ref.B7-7061/48 dated 11-6-48.

Inspite of propaganda made by the Revenue Divisional Officers and other subordinate officers, the ayacutdars of the tanks referred to in the letter second cited are not willing to contribute anything towards the cost of repairs. In this connection I invite a kind reference to my report D.Dis.10833/48 dated 20-7-48, submitted to the Board of Revenue, in reply to its Ref.G.2119/48-4, dated 10-5-48 (Copies enclosed), in which I have clearly explained the conditions prevailing in the district and the reasons for the unwillingness of the ayacutdars to pay contributions. My proposals made in it may be approved.

Yours faithfully

For Collector.

Ref: G-2119/48-4

Office of the Board of Revenue,
Chepauk, Madras dated 10-5-48.

V.N.Kudva, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Comm. of Land Revenue,
Excise and Prohibition.

IRRIGATION: Minor - Spring ponds and spring channels - Repairs.

REFERENCE:

The Honourable P :the question of repairs to all the spring ponds and spring channels in the Province should be tak up with reference to the revenue derived under them. He considers tha if such works are taken up by the Engineering staff, the cost will be excessive. It has therefore been suggested that an amount which will be reasonable in the circumstances of each case may be allotted and entrusted to the ryots who will undertake the repairs by levying contr butions for the balance of the amount which may be necessary from the ryots. The Collectors of Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Vizagapatam, Tinnevelly, South Kanara, Guntur, South Arcot, Nellore, Malabar and Chingleput, where there are spring ponds or spring channels are request to report whether the above suggestion will be feasible in practice and if so, what measures may be taken to see that the amounts are properly utilized.

Sd. N. Subramania Ayyar,
Asst. Secretary.

Ref: B7-10833-48.

Copy communicated to all the R.D.Os., for very early remarks.

2. They should also examine a suggestion that the works can be entrusted to village Panchayat Boards or some leading and responsi man in the village on condition that a portion of the cost say half two thirds payable by Government as subsidy be paid to the Board or the other agency as the case may be, and the balance allowed to be collected by the said agency from the villages to be benefitted in or in kind (like voluntary labour), just as was done in the case of carried out under the Government of India grants in the past, and offer their remarks about its feasibility.

S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, dated: 31-5-48.

(Sd.) P.N.SEKHARAN,
For Collector.

(True copy)

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For Collector.

Copy of D.Dis.10833/48, dated 10-7-48 from the Collector of South Kanara, Mangalore addressed to the Joint Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

IRRIGATION:- Minor - South Kanara- District - Spring ponds tanks and channels - repairs - Report submitted.

Ref. Board's Ref.G.2119/48. dated 10--5--1948.

I invite attention to my report Ref.C.No.B7.7894/48, dated 7-8-48, in reply to Board's Ref.G.3876/47-13, dated 5-4-48, in which I had furnished a list of spring ponds and tanks in need of repairs in this district. As stated in that report the list cannot be said to be exhaustive and I have asked the subordinate officers to make a complete survey and get an exhaustive list prepared. There are tanks and spring ponds locally called 'Madagas' in almost every village. Most of them are rainfed, but some have strong and perennial surface springs or springs from the surrounding perennial surface springs or springs from the surrounding hills. They were constructed by big land-lords or by petty kings and Chieftains in olden days or jointly by villagers by Co-operati effort. Owing to fragmentation of holdings and disappearance of the Co-operative spirit most of these ponds and tanks were neglect and have fallen into disrepairs. None of these ponds or tanks are maintained by Government. There no irrigation works minor or major maintained by Government in this district. The spring pond and tanks are supposed to be maintained by the ayacutdars who are benefited by them, but, for the reasons stated above they are not maintaining them properly. As regards spring channels there are tens of them in every village. These channels drain rain water during the rainy season and assume the proportion of streams. Afte the rains some of them will have water from springs in their beds or from the sides. At some places pick-up dams are put up for impounding the Flow the water for cultivating the adjoining fields for and heading up the water so as to command the fields on which II crop is raised. Where the channels are small, these temporary dams which are annually put up will not be costly and the ryots continue to put them up. In the case of big streams and small rivers the putting up of dams every year is very costly and numer ryots have to join in. Many of the old dams have been given up in recent years. It appears that in olden days a part of the cost of construction of these dams was met by Government by remission i assessment called 'Kattutharas' This was discontinued in the last century. These channels do not require much of repairs but only require a recurring expenditure of putting up of temporary dams or capital expenditure of putting up a permanent dam at rath a high cost.

2. In the reference cited it is suggested that the question of repairs could be taken up with reference to the Revenue derived under them. There is no revenue directly derived under these ponds, tanks or channels, because no water rates are charged in this district for them. But at the time of the Settlement, the availability of water for the II crop in the case of I class wet lands and for the I crop in the case of II and III class wet lands from these sources was duly taken into consideration in fixing the rate of assessment. Thus the revenue indirectly attributable to these water sources would be considerable. As a result of the Progressive dimmunition of Water supply in these sources, many fields in which two paddy crops were being raising formerly only one paddy crop is raised now, in some fields in whi three paddy crops were raised formerly only two crops are raised now and large extents of III class wet lands which require water supply for the I and only crop when rains fail for about a week or more have been deprived of the source of supply. But the ryot continue to pay the old assessment. The result of all this is under-production on one hand and over-taxation on the other. I invite attention in this connection to the orders in G.O.No.Ms. 190 Revenue dated 17-5-48 comm[illegible]

Issue to 31-8-48

Memo. No. 27883 Afg-4 dated 31.8.48.

Irrigation – (S. Kanara) - Execution of Repairs to public tanks.

pp 21-22 CF (Z) Ref :- G.O. Ms. No. 604 Rev. dated 18.3.48.

pp 9-13 CF From the Collr. of S. Kanara, Ref. C.No. Bg. 7061/48 dt. 3-8-48

~~The attention of the Bd of Rev. is invited to~~ p. 22 CF (Z) ~~para 7 of the G.O. quoted above~~. A Copy of the pp 9-13 CF Collector's letter quoted above is referred to the to pp 22 CF (Z) Bd. of Rev. for Remarks, with ref: to para 7 of Bd. of Rev. 21.8.48. & G.O. Ms. No. 604 Rev. dated 18-3-1948 with a Copy of pp. 9 to 13 CF.)

By only

By 26 Aug

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Revenue Department.
Subject
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IRRIGATION - (South Kanara) - Execution of repairs to public tanks - Remarks. Submitted.

Station: Madras. ..Dis.G.6611/48 Dated 19th October 1948.

From
C.A. Ramakrishnan Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

V.N. Kudva Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise and Prohibition.

Read:- Govt. Memo No.27883-H/48-4 dt.31-8-48.
Letter from the Collr of South Kanara D.Dis.10833/48 dt.10-7-48.

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L.DIS:

With reference to the Government memo cited above, the Board submits that South Kanara is a backward district so far as irrigation is concerned. It therefore agrees with the views of the collector and supports his proposal that repairs to the public tanks in the district may be got executed at the entire cost of the Government waiving contribution from the ryots subject to the conditions suggested by him in para 7 of his letter cited above.

2. An allotment of Rs.30,000/- has been sanctioned to this district

P.T.O.

for expenditure under "Maintenance and repairs" during the current year and nothing has been spent out of it so far.

for Joint Secr

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

PLG/19/10.

Revenue Department

Read:- G.O Ms.No.604, Rev. dated 18-3-48. (2)
From the Collector of South Kanara, letter ~~reference~~ C.No.B7.7061/48 dated 3-8-48.
From the Board of Rev. L.Dis. G.6611/48 dated 19-10-48.

G.O.Ms. No. 188 dated 26-1-49.

In G.O.Ms. No.604, Rev. dated 18-3-48 the Govt. sanctioned the execution of repairs to 6 public tanks in the South Kanara district at an estimated cost of Rs.13,500/- subject to the payment of a contribution of Rs.3835/- by the ayacutdars of the tanks. They also ordered that the question of sanctioning repairs to the other 61 public tanks in the district which were in need of repairs would be considered after the reactions of the local people to the sanction of repairs to the 6 public tanks ~~are~~ were known. The Collector was also asked to make it known to the people that repairs to public tanks used for irrigation purposes would be sanctioned by the Govt., if the ryots also contributed a share towards the cost of the works ~~and to~~ he should also submit a report to the Govt. on the reactions of the people.

2. The Collector of South Kanara has now reported, after ascertaining the reactions of the people, that there is not much prospect of realising any contributions for the repair of the remaining 61 public tanks as there is general unwillingness on the part of the people to offer any contributions for the repair of those tanks. He has therefore recommended that the repair of those tanks should be undertaken at the entire cost of the Govt. without insisting on any local contributions but subject to the following conditions:-

(1) That the ayacutdars should maintain the tanks in good repairs for the next 25 years, and

(2) that the fileds which newly come under irrigation as a result of execution of repairs to tanks would be upgraded on the basis of re-sett

according to their new environments.

The Board of Revenue has supported the Collector's recommendation.

3. The Government have examined the Collector's recommendation, ~~in all its implications.~~ They consider that condition (1) proposed by him may not be enforceable in practice, ~~in the absence of legislation and that condition~~ and that condition (2) ~~may not also be easily~~ can be enforced ~~ble as it may be difficult in practice to~~ only if it can be established that the tanks after repairs are in a better condition than they were at the last re-settlement. Further, if the Govt. undertake to repair the remaining 61 tanks at their entire cost, the ayacutdars of the 6 tanks who have already paid contributions will have an obvious cause for complaint and such of those ayacutdars ~~bo~~ as have not yet paid their promised contributions may decline to do so. Besides, even if the Govt. decide to repair the remaining 61 tanks at their entire cost, repairs to all of ~~those~~ these tanks can be executed only ~~for~~ over a period of ~~4~~ 4 years and not immediately, the chief ~~limiting factor~~ being the shortage of technical staff.

4. The Govt. have, therefore, come to the conclusion that there is no great advantage in the Govt. committing themselves at this stage to the repair of all the remaining 61 tanks at their entire cost. They adhere to the views already expressed by them in para 2 of G.O.Ms. No.604, Rev dated 18-3-48. ~~The Collector may, if necessary, submit further proposals, having in view the observations made in para 3 above after the ayacutdars of the 6 public tanks have all paid up their contributions.~~

14.7.48

To the Bd. of Rev.
" Collector of S
" A.G. thro' Fi

Government of Madras.
Abstract.

IRRIGATION - (South Kanara) - Execution of repairs to 61 Public tanks - orders passed.

Revenue Department.
G.O.Ms.No.188 dated the 26th January 1949.
Read the following:--

G.O.Ms.No.604 Revenue, dated the 18th March 1948.
From the Collector of South Kanara, letter R.C.No.B7.7061/48 dated the 3rd August 1948.
From the Board of Revenue Lr.No.G.6611/48 dated the 19th October 1948.

O r d e r:

In G.O.Ms.No.604, Revenue, dated 18-3-1948, the Government sanctioned the execution of repairs to 6 public tanks in the South Kanara district at an estimated cost of Rs.13,500/- subject to the payment of a contribution of Rs.3835/- by the ayacutdars of the tanks. They also ordered that the question of sanctioning repairs to the other 61 public tanks in the district, which were in need of repairs, would be considered after the reactions of the local people to the sanction of repairs to the 6 public tanks were known. The Collector was also asked to make it known to the people that repairs to public tanks used for irrigation purposes would be sanctioned by the Government if the ryots also contributed a share towards the cost of the works. The Collector was asked to submit a report to the Government on the reactions of the people.

2. The Collector of South Kanara has now reported, after ascertaining the reactions of the people, that there is not much prospect of realising any contributions for the repair of the remaining 61 public tanks, as there is general unwillingness on the part of the people to offer any contributions for the repair of these tanks. He has, therefore, recommended that the repair of these tanks should be undertaken at the entire cost of the Government without insisting on any local contributions, but subject to the following conditions:---

(1) that the ayacutdars should maintain the tanks in good repair for the next 25 years; and

(2) that the fields which newly come under irrigation as a result of execution of repairs to the tanks would be upgraded on the basis of re-settlement according to their new environments.

The Board of Revenue has supported the Collector's recommendation.

3. The Government have examined the Collector's recommendation. They consider that condition (1) proposed by him may not be enforceable in practice and that condition (2) can be enforced only if it can be established that the tanks, after repairs, are in a better condition than they were at the last re-settlement. Further, if the Government undertake to repair the remaining 61 tanks at their entire cost, the ayacutdars of the 6 tanks who have already paid contributions will have an obvious cause for complaint and such of those ayacutdars as have not yet paid their promised contributions may decline to do so. Besides, even if the Government decide to repair the remaining 61 tanks at their entire cost, repairs to all of them can be executed only over a period of years and not immediately, the chief limiting factor being the shortage of technical staff.

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4. The Government have, therefore, come to the conclusion that there is no great advantage in the Government committing themselves at this stage, to the repair of all the remaining 61 tanks entirely at their cost. They adhere to the views already expressed by them in para 2 of G.O.Ms.No.604 Revenue dated 18-3-1948.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

V.K. Rao.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Collector of South Knnam.
Accountant General through Finance.

(True Copy).
F o r w a r d e d.
By Order.

S/c
Superintendent.

M.V.R.S.
26-1-49.

MP

On G.O.Ms No 604 Revd 18-3-1965 the Govt sanctioned the execution of repairs to six public tanks in respect of which contributions had been promised. The Govt also stated that the question of sanctioning execution of repairs to the remaining 61 public tanks would be considered after the reaction of the local people to the sanction accorded for the repair of the six tanks referred to above were known. The Collector was also asked to make it known to the people to be benefited that repairs to public tanks used for irrigation purposes would be sanctioned by Govt if the ryots also contributed a share towards the cost of the work and to submit a report to the Govt.

2. The Collector's report is on p&cg and may be perused. He has stated that there has not been so far any

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Irrigation - (South Kanara) - Execution of repairs to public tanks.

To the Collector of South Kanara, O.Tt No. 27883 H/48-1 Revd 13-5-48,
From " " " , Refed. B7-7061/48 d 14-5-48.
From " " " , Ref No. 7061/48 d 19-5-48
To " " " , O.Tt No. 27883 H/48-2, Revd 26-5-48.
From " " , Ref B7/7061/48 d 1-6

On G.O.Ms No. 604 Revd 18-3-1948 the Govt sanctioned the execution of repairs to six public tanks in South Kanara in respect of which contributions had been promised. The Govt also stated that the question of sanctioning execution of repairs to the remaining 61 public tanks would be considered after the reaction of the local people to the sanction accorded for the repair of the six tanks referred to above were known. The Collector was also asked to make it known to the people to be benefited that repairs to public tanks used for irrigation purposes would be sanctioned by Govt if the ryots also contributed a share towards the cost of the work and to submit a report to the Govt.

2. The Collector's report is on p 8 cy and may be perused. He states that there has not been so far any

favourable reaction from the ryots of the area other than the Kumbla firka in which the six public tanks referred to in para 1 above lie, but that he is asking the R.D.Os and other subordinates to carry on intensive propaganda among the ryots concerned to agree to pay the contribution required. Apparently the collector will submit a further report in due course. The further report of the collector may be awaited till 11-7-48 and the collector reminded if the report is not received by then. After the receipt of the further report of the collector, further action may be considered with reference to Secretary's note at ⊓ on p2: 4 ns/ig. G.O.Ms 604 Rev'd 18-3-48. No action appears necessary as the regarding the tank in Panjemogar villa referred to at X on p8 of as the single land holder who owns all the lands under the tank has undertaken to carry out himself, the entire repairs to the tank.

3. P.W.D and Finance may see for remarks if any in the meanwhile./

MM
2/6/48.
By
17/6/48

Asst Secy's query in the margin

The G.O at (2) was seen by P.W.D and Finance. The file has to be seen by the dept before final orders are issued ~~on~~ in this fi

p 2 ante

Pending receipt of the Collector's final report, it has been suggested that these depts may see as in the meanwhile with reference to the ~~no~~ Collector's report on p 8 ante (for remarks, if any). It is however for consideration whether the file may go to P.W.D. and Fin after the Collector's final report is received. If so the S/M Collector's report may be awaited till 11-7-48 as already noted 24/6/48

By 25/6

From the Collr. of South Kanara Dr. Ref. CR0 706/48 dated 3.8.48.

To A.S.

Please see the notes on pp. 1-3 above and the Collector's letter on pp. 9-13 Cf. The ~~Remarks of the Bd of R~~ Collector's letter dated 10.7.48 does not seem to have been received in this dept. from the Bd. of Rev. The Bd's remarks may be obtained in the first instance on the Coll's letter on pp 9-13 Cf. A draft memo. is submd for approval. [Further action 21.8.48. with ref: to 'R' on p-2 ante By may be considered after the Bd's report is received]

By 30/8/48 31

Issued as memo. No. 27883-H/48-4 dated 31.8.48
From the Bd. of Rev. Dis. G. 6611/48 dated 19.x.48.

Please see the orders on pp. 1-3 ante, the memo p. 14 C.f. ~~ante~~ and the Bd's L. Dis. on p. 15 C.f.

2. In G. O. Ms. No. both Rev. dated 18.3.48, Govt. Sanctioned the execution of repairs to public tanks in the South Kanara Dt, in respect which Contributions had been promised. The Govt. stated that the question of sanctioning the execution of repairs to the remaining 61 public tanks would be considered after the reactions of the local people to the sanction accorded for the repair of the six tanks referred to above were known. The Collector was also asked to make it known to the people to be benefited that repairs to public tanks used for irrigation purposes would be sanctioned by Govt. if the ryots also contributed a share towards the cost of the work and to submit a report to the Govt.

3. For the reasons stated in paras 4 to 6 of his letter on pp. 12-13 C.f., the Collector of South Kanara considers that the proper and the only feasible course would be to take up the execution of the repairs to all the spring ponds and tanks in S. Kanara Dt. at full Govt. cost waiving contribution from the ryots subject to the follg. conditions:- para 7, p 13 C.f

(1) that the ryots should maintain the works in good repairs for the next 25 years, and

(2) that the fields which actually command irrigation as a result of the works would be upgraded on the basis of resettlement according to their new environments.

Bd. who was consulted in the matter has stated ~~in~~ South Kanara is a backward district so far as irrigation is concerned. It therefore agrees p 15 C.f

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with the views of the Collector of South Kanara and supports this proposal that repairs to the public tanks in the district may be got executed at the entire Cost of the Govt. waiving Contribution from the ryots subject to the Conditions suggested by him in para 7 of his letter on p. 13 C.F. The Bd. has further stated that an allotment of Rs. 30,000 has been sanctioned to this district for expenditure under 'Maintenance and repairs' during the year 1948-49 and nothing has been spent out of it so far. It is for orders whether this dept. may agree with the Collr. and the Bd. ~~The file may be sent to P.W.D and Fin. for Remarks.~~ If so, the following questions arise for Consideration:-

(1) the total estimated Cost of repairing all the 67 tanks.

(2) in view of the depleted staff position in the P.W.D. all the works Cannot be undertaken this year itself. Hence a programme should be drawn up giving priority for urgent repair of tank and

(3) the subsidy that may be claimed from India in respect of repair of these tanks w.r.t. letter No. 39/N/46-37 P.W. dated 20.4.48

these points may be put to the Bd. for Remarks. P.W.D. and Fin. may see.

12.11.48

11.11.48

We may agree to the proposal of the Collr & his board that ~~the Govt may extend~~ repairs to the public tanks in the Dt may be got executed at the entire cost of the Govt waiving contribution from the ryots subject to the conditions at A' in p 7 above. We may

to ask the Board for a report on the three points suggested in the Min note at 'B' on p 5 above

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6-11-48 DS

D.S. wanted to know why the tanks in South Kanara district should not be repaired at Govt. cost if they are public tanks. The answer to this is that there are no irrigation works maintained by Govt. in South Kanara district - vide Chapter X of the South Kanara District Manual, Vol. II - please see also the Collector's letter on pp. 11-13 c.f. These tanks have to be maintained by the ayacutdars themselves. But in view of the fact that the ayacutdars are petty landholders and some of them are absentee landholders, they have not been taking interest in the maintenance of these tanks. In view of the several reasons urged by the Collector in his letter on pp. 11-13 c.f. and in view of the fact that repairs to these tanks would increase the production of food to some extent, we may perhaps accept the Board's recommendation that repairs to these public tanks in the district may be got executed at the entire cost of the Govt. waiving contribution from the ryots subject to the conditions suggested by the Collector in para 7 of his letter on page 13 c.f. The file may go to P.W.D. and Finance for remarks.

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vide para 2 of the G.O. 604 dt 18-4-48

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In G.O.No.604, Revenue, dated 18th March, 1948 the Government sanctioned the execution of repairs to six irrigation tanks (mentioned in the G.O) in the South Kanara district on condition that a certain amount of contribution would be made by the ayacutdars of the six tanks. The Government also expressed the view that it was desirable to stimulate local contribu-

contribution and hoped that the execution of repairs to the tanks in respect of which contributions had been promised m induce others to come forward with similar offers of contri tion. They accordingly defer the issue of orders in respe of other irrigation tanks in the district.

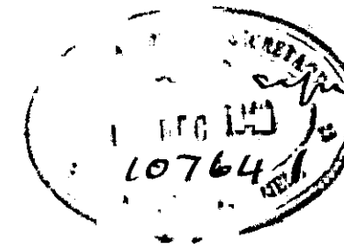
2. The Collector has reported that the ayacutdars of t six tanks are slowly paying up the promised contribution an that the entire amount of the promised contribution is like to be realized.

3. The Collector considers that there is not much pros of being able to realise any contribution for the repair of the other irrigation tanks in the district. There is a general unwillingness to offer any contribution for the repair of these irrigation sources for the reasons mentione in his letter at pp.10-13 C.F. The Collector has therefore recommended that the repair of the remaining irrigatio sources should also be undertaken and that the entire expen ture should be borne by the Government without insisting on any local contribution. The Board has supported the Collector's proposal. The Collector has suggested the rep of these sources at Government expense subject to the condi tions mentioned in paragraph 7 of his letter at pp.10-13 C.

4. I am not particularly hopeful that the first of the conditions proposed by the Collector will in practice be found enforceable. Even if agreements are taken from the ayacutdars that they will maintain the tanks in good condi- ion, if a large number of them are found to default, it ight in practice be found difficult to take action against hem. The only satisfactory solution, in my opinion, is o have a statutory provision which empowers the Government o maintain the tanks in good condition and to recover the ost of maintenance from the ayacutdars. As regards the econd of the conditions proposed by the Collector, the overnment will be justified in levying enhanced assessment nly if it can be established that these irrigation source fter the improvements are effected, are in a better condi- ion than they were at the time of the last resettlement. do not know whether it will be easy in practice to

tablish this.

5. If the Government undertake to repair at their own cost l the other irrigation tanks in the district, the ayacutdars the six tanks who have already paid contributions will have obvious cause for complaint. When other tanks are proposed be repaired at Government expense in full, they will ask y they should have been induced to make any contribution. The acutdars of these six tanks who have not yet paid their ntributions will evidently decline to do so once orders are sued for the repair of the remaining tanks at Government pense.



6. I suggest therefore that the proposal of the Collector d the Board in respect of the remaining irrigation tanks in e district need not be accepted at present. Even if the Governnt decide to repair them at their own cost, it is obvious that the pair of all of them cannot be undertaken at once. The shortage technical personnel, apart from other reasons, will limit the mber which can be repaired in a year. Restoration of these nks to their full state of efficiency can therefore be effected ver a period of 3 or 4 years. There is therefore no great rantage in the Government committing themselves at this stage the repair of all these tanks at Government cost. The lector and the Board may be informed that the Government ere to the views expressed in paragraph 2 of G.O.No.604, renue, dated 18-3-1948.

7. P.W.D. and Finance may see for remarks before circulation.

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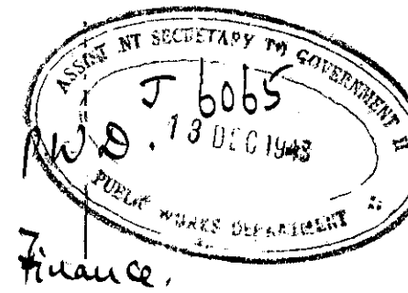

PWD(I) Finance.

To As

Rev deptt note from the bottom of ... may be perused. Rev. Lr. 27883 Mise. 10-12-48.

2. This deptt may agree with the view at 'A' above.

3. The file may be passed on to Fin

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Fin Chief

Please see the note of Rev Secretary at the foot of page 6 above.

2 Finance may agree that the Collr. of Kanara and the Board of Rev may be informed that the Govt. adhere to the views expressed in para 2 of G.O. no. 604, Rev dy 18.3.48.

25.12.48
Rev.

Rev. Dept

To A.S.

Please see the notes from p. 4 ante. A draft order is submitted for approval (The last sentence in the draft order has been added subject to orders.)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
24 JAN 1949
REVENUE DEPARTMENT